On July 7, 2014, the Howard County Council adopted CR74-2014, which created the Task Force to Study Mulching, Composting, and Wood Processing. My name is Jeff Meyers and I have been assigned to staff the task force. You can contact me by email jmeyers@howardcountymd.gov or by phone 410 313-3122.

The task force will meet first on Thursday, July 17, at 4:00 pm at the Miller Branch Library, 9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Please let me know if you will attend.

Under State law, all meetings of the task force must be open to the public. State law also requires us to provide reasonable notice of each meeting.

I will be preparing an agenda for the initial meeting. One of the first items of business will be the election of "co – chairs from the taskforce's membership to direct and facilitate the group's functions." The Resolution that creates the task force provides that "there shall be one co-chair who represents residential interests and the other co-chair shall represent agricultural interests".

If you have other items that you wish to appear on the agenda, please let me know.

At this meeting, we will schedule future meetings of the task force, so please bring your calendar.

The Resolution indicates that the task force should "prepare and present to the County Council a draft task force report by November 15, 2014, which recommends potential changes to the County's planning process and Zoning Regulations."

I am looking forward to seeing you July 17.

Jeff